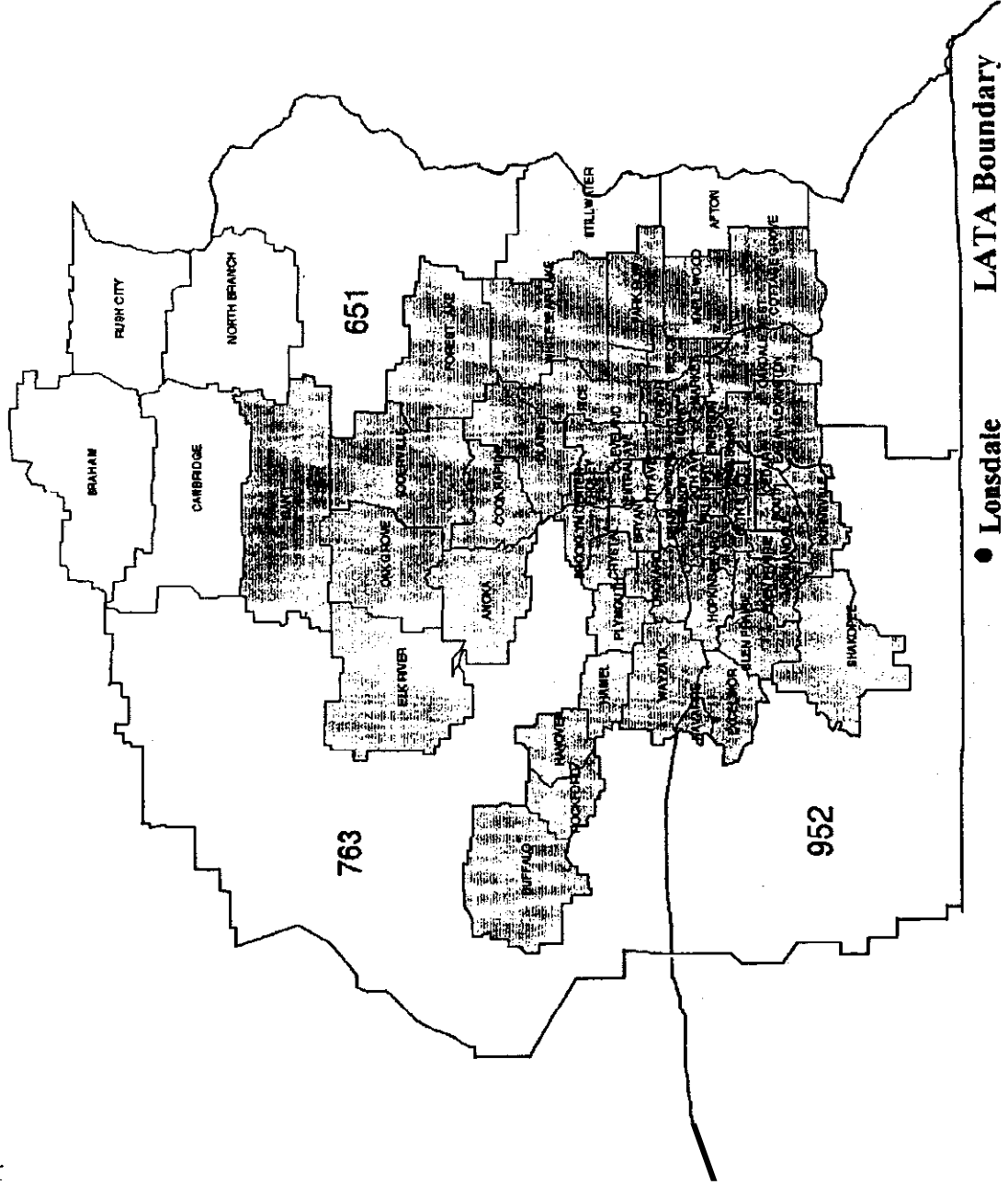
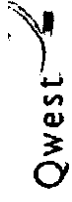
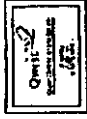

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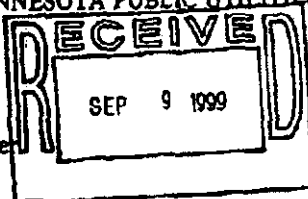
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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service from the Lonsdale Exchange to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: September 8, 1999

DOCKET NO. P-404,407,520,405,413,5-426, 427, 421, 430/CP-99-336

ORDER REQUIRING COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 16, 1999, subscribers in the Lonsdale exchange filed a petition for extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA). Lonsdale Telephone Company serves the Lonsdale exchange.

On May 3, 1999, Lonsdale Telephone Company filed a traffic study.

On May 4, 1999, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments. The Department stated that the petition was valid and recommended that the Commission direct the filing of cost studies and proposed rates.

On August 19, 1999, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I. THE EAS CRITERIA

In Orders dated October 24, 1995, and February 23, 1996,¹ the Commission established three criteria for a successful EAS petition:

1. The petitioning exchange is contiguous to an exchange or local calling area to which extended area service is requested in the petition.

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Appropriate Local Calling Scope, in Accordance with Minn. Stat. 237.161 (1994), Docket No. P-999/CI-94-296 ORDER
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AFTER RECONSIDERATION (February 23, 1996).

2. At least 50 percent of the customers in the petitioning exchange make three or more calls per month to the exchange or local calling area to which extended area service is requested, as determined by a traffic study.
3. Polling by the Commission shows that a majority of the customers responding to a poll in the petitioning exchange favor the installation of extended area service, unless all parties and the Commission agree that no polling is necessary.

II. ADJACENCY AND TRAFFIC VOLUME

The Lonsdale exchange is adjacent to the exchanges of New Market, New Prague, Webster, and Montgomery, all of which are part of the MCA. The petition therefore fulfills the EAS adjacency requirement.

During the time covered in the traffic study, 63.3 percent of Lonsdale subscribers made three or more calls per month to the MCA. The study therefore fulfills the traffic volume criterion for an EAS petition.

III. COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES

The petition will now proceed to the polling phase to determine subscriber preference.

To make an informed choice in the polling process, subscribers must know the rates they will pay if EAS is implemented in their exchange. The Commission will therefore require the affected telephone companies to file cost studies and proposed rates for the proposed Lonsdale/MCA EAS route.

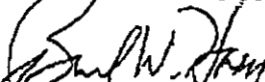
In developing their cost studies, the telephone companies should comply with Commission requirements in recent Orders addressing similar EAS situations:

- The date of companies' access line counts should concur with the time period over which the usage studies were made.
- All traffic and cost studies must be timely and based on the most current data available at the time the cost study is ordered.
- The companies should provide supporting information as requested by the Commission staff and the Department.
- Cost study methodologies should be consistent with previous Commission decisions regarding EAS to the metropolitan area, including the use of a stimulation factor of 4.
- Rates must show the Lonsdale exchange bearing at least 75% of the EAS revenue requirement.

ORDER

1. The telephone companies affected by this petition should file cost studies and proposed rates, consistent with the requirements of this Order, within 90 days of the date of this Order.
2. Within 60 days of the filing of the cost studies and proposed rates, the Department should file a report and recommendations.
3. Parties who wish to respond to the Department's report must do so within 20 days of its filing.
4. The Commission grants its Executive Secretary the authority to vary the above deadlines if the Executive Secretary deems a variance necessary.
5. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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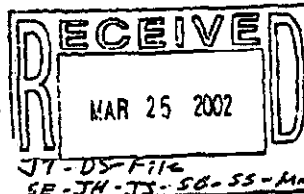
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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area
Service from the Lonsdale Exchange to the
Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: March 22, 2002

DOCKET NO. P-404, 407, 520 405, 413, 542,
426, 427, 430, 421/CP-99-336

ORDER SETTING EAS R ADDITIVES
AND REQUIRING POLL.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 16, 1999, telephone subscribers in the Lonsdale exchange filed a petition for extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area. On September 8, 1999, the Commission issued an Order finding that this proposed EAS route met threshold requirements of adjacency and traffic volume.

The Commission therefore directed the incumbent local exchange carriers serving the exchanges to determine the cost of installing and operating the proposed EAS route and to develop proposed rates to recover those costs. The Commission would then poll Lonsdale subscribers to determine whether they wanted EAS at those rates.

The companies duly filed their cost studies and proposed rates, but the Commission did not proceed directly to polling. Instead, in a series of Orders issued between November 1998 and October 2001, the Commission addressed a series of new issues posed by the need to adapt EAS to the competitive telecommunications market mandated by state and federal law. With these issues largely settled, the Commission met on March 5, 2002 to again consider the Lonsdale EAS petition.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I The Legal Standard

Extended area service is a service arrangement permitting neighboring telephone exchanges to become a single local calling area with toll-free calling. The criteria for establishing EAS and the procedures for determining EAS costs were set by Commission Orders (the EAS Orders) following an industry-wide fact-finding and policymaking proceeding.¹ Briefly, these criteria and procedures are as follows.

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Appropriate Local Calling Scope, in
accordance with Minn. Stat. 237.161 (1994), Docket No. P-999/CI-94-296, ORDER
DEACTIVATING THE PROCESSING OF EAS PETITIONS (October 1999) and ORDER
AFTER RECONSIDERATION (February 23, 1999).

- (1) A petitioning exchange must be adjacent to the exchange or local calling area to which it seeks EAS.
- (2) At least 50% of subscribers in the petitioning exchange must make at least three calls per month to the exchange or local calling area to which EAS is sought.
- (3) The companies serving the affected exchanges or local calling areas must determine the cost of installing and operating the proposed EAS route, using Commission-approved costing methods, and file proposed rate additives to recover these costs.
- (4) The Commission must poll subscribers in the petitioning exchange on whether they want EAS at the rates adopted by the Commission.
- (5) If a majority of the subscribers responding to the poll vote yes, the EAS route must be installed.
- (6) If the proposed EAS route is to the metropolitan calling area, the company serving the petitioning exchange must offer its customers local measured service or another lower cost alternative to flat rate EAS.

In this case the Commission has determined that the petitioning exchange meets the threshold agency and traffic volume requirements for extended area service to the metropolitan calling area. What remains is to determine the cost of the proposed route, to set rates reflecting those costs, and to poll subscribers in the petitioning exchange.

1 EAS Rate Additives Set

The cost studies filed by the affected companies, as modified in response to comments from the Department of Commerce, pass muster under the standards set in the EAS Orders. They reflect actual, specific costs and sound accounting methods. They will be accepted.

The rates that some of the companies calculated based on these cost studies must be adjusted, however, because they reflect the former practice of pooling the total costs of proposed EAS routes and allocating those costs between affected exchanges and companies. While this practice is reasonable and equitable in a monopoly environment, the Commission has found that it is so anti-competitive in its potential effects that it cannot be permitted in the current, competitive environment.² (The exception is School District EAS caps, where the Legislature has required inter-exchange cost-allocation to further overriding public policy goals.)

These adjustments yield the rates set forth below:

² In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service from the Almelund Exchange to the Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-407, 405, 413, 520, 426, 427, 430, 421/CP-97-137, ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION (November 6, 2000), reversed in part on the commission's own motion as to other issues; In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service from the Osakis Exchange to the Alexandria Exchange, Docket No. 552, 430/CP-98-118, ORDER ESTABLISHING RATE ADDITIVES AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS (November 6, 2000), reversed on reconsideration as to other issues.

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Table 3 EAS Rates for Polling Location Exchange			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Monthly EAS Rate
Residence/Business/ Payphone	\$2.182	\$22.692	\$24.874

Table 4 Citizens MCA Exchanges EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.003	\$0.004	\$0.009

Table 5 Sprint MCA Exchanges EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.003	\$0.007	\$0.010
Business/Pay	\$0.006	\$0.014	\$0.020
Key/Trunk	\$0.006	\$0.017	\$0.023

Table 6 Frontier MCA Exchanges (Apple Valley, Belle Plaine, Burnsville, Farmington, Jordan, Lakeville, Montgomery, and Rosemount) EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.003	\$0.039	\$0.042
Business	\$0.003	\$0.108	\$0.116
Key Trunk	\$0.008	\$0.120	\$0.128
PBX Trunk	\$0.011	\$0.147	\$0.158
School Service			
One Party	\$0.006	\$0.083	\$0.089
Key Trunk	10.001	\$0.093	\$0.100
PBX Trunk	\$0.008	\$0.114	\$0.122
Versaline			
Month to Month	\$0.009	\$0.118	\$0.127
One-Year Term	10.007	\$0.096	\$0.103
Two Year Term	\$0.006	\$0.085	\$0.091
Three-Year Term	\$0.005	\$0.075	\$0.080

Table 7 Sherburne MCA Exchanges EAS Rates			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access/Toll Contribution Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.000	\$0.006	\$0.006
Business & Pay	\$0.000	\$0.011	\$0.011

Table 8 QWEST's MCA Exchanges EAS Rates			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access/Toll Contribution Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence Flat	\$0.001	\$0.002	\$0.003
Business Flat	\$0.004	\$0.004	\$0.008
Business Mag	\$0.003	\$0.002	\$0.005
Trunks	\$0.005	\$0.004	\$0.009
Centrox/Centrex Pub/ Semi-Pub	\$0.005	\$0.005	\$0.010

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Table 9 Lakedale MCA Exchange Montrose and Waverly EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Digital Access Line	\$0.000	\$0.002	\$0.002

Table 10 Bridgewater MCA Exchanges EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.000	\$0.002	\$0.002
Business/ Key/ Centrex	\$0.000	\$0.003	\$0.003
PBX Trunk	\$0.000	\$0.005	\$0.005

Table 11 Scott-Rice Prior Lake Only EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence	\$0.014	\$0.086	\$0.100
Business & Pay	\$0.032	\$0.202	\$0.234

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Table 12 Eckles MCA Exchanges EAS Rate Additives			
Service	Facilities-Based EAS Rate	Lost Access Recovery	Total Monthly EAS Rate
Residence - Town & PBX Digital	\$0.000	\$1.244	\$1.244
Residence - Rural	\$0.000	\$1.555	\$1.555
Business - Town, Business - Rural, Key - Town,		\$2.178	\$2.178
Payphone			
PBX Analog	\$0.000	\$2.955	\$2.955

III. Lower-Cost Alternative Approved

Because EAS to the metropolitan calling area is generally more expensive than non-metropolitan EAS, companies serving petitioning exchanges in metro EAS cases must offer local measured service or another lower cost alternative to flat rate EAS. In this case the company has proposed, as an alternative to the \$24.87 EAS flat rate, a measured service EAS rate made up of a monthly charge of \$9.00 and a per-minute charge of ten cents. This reasonable alternative to flat rate EAS service will be approved.

IV. Polling Ordered

The last step in the EAS decision-making process is to poll subscribers in the petitioning exchange to determine if the majority favors installing EAS at the rates set by the Commission. The Commission will proceed to polling. It will also direct the affected companies to provide the information and cooperation required for a fair and efficient poll.

Finally, the Commission will require that both the polling materials sent to subscribers and any tariffs ultimately filed itemize separately the portion of the EAS rate additive that recovers facilities costs and the portion that recovers lost access revenues and lost toll contribution. This information may be helpful in developing and implementing a universal service funding mechanism or in future rate re-balancing initiatives. To ease administration and prevent confusion, however, monthly bills should show only the total EAS rate.

The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. The final cost studies filed by the companies are hereby accepted and approved.
2. The EAS rates set forth above in the body of this Order are hereby approved.
3. All subscribers in the Lonsdale exchange shall be polled on whether they favor installing the EAS route proposed at the rates approved for that exchange.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelseau Powe, Jr., do hereby certify that on this **20th** day of February, **2003**, I have caused a copy of the foregoing **PETITION OF QWEST CORPORATION** to be filed with the **FCC** via hardcopy, served via e-mail on the **FCC** personnel listed on the attached service list and served, via United States first-class mail on all other parties on the attached service list.



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